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1. ACCORDING TO BITAN ISRAELI EMBASSY WASHINGTON TOO BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS LAST TWO WEEKS TO CHECK TEXT NOTE WITH DEPT. DECISION THEREFORE MADE TO TRANSMIT NOTE HERE AND THIS DONE TODAY. WE WILL RETURN ORIGINAL AUGUST 5 NOTE TO FONMIN THURSDAY.

2. TEXT NEW NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 74 DATED 1 JULY 1968, RELATING TO A CLAIM FOR PHYSICAL DAMAGE INFLICTED UPON THE U.S.S. LIBERTY.

AS AGREED IN INFORMAL CONTACTS, AND WHILST RESERVING THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, THE MINISTRY SUGGESTS THAT, TO FACILITATE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT, THE DISCUSSION OF THIS CLAIM, TOGETHER WITH THAT OF OTHERS NOT YET SUBMITTED, BE HELD WHEN ALL REMAINING UNITED STATES CLAIMS RELATING TO THE U.S.S. LIBERTY ARE READY.

THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. JERUSALEM, 30 SEPTEMBER 1968. UNQUOTE. ZURHELLEN

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